

conductive element by a first dielectric layer and a first conductive via connects the first and second conductive elements through the first dielectric layer. The first conductive element is L-shaped and the second conductive element is generally U-shaped. The second conductor includes a plurality of spaced conductive strips extending transverse from adjacent ends of each leg of the U-shape and each strip on the leg is dimensioned for a different λ_0 .

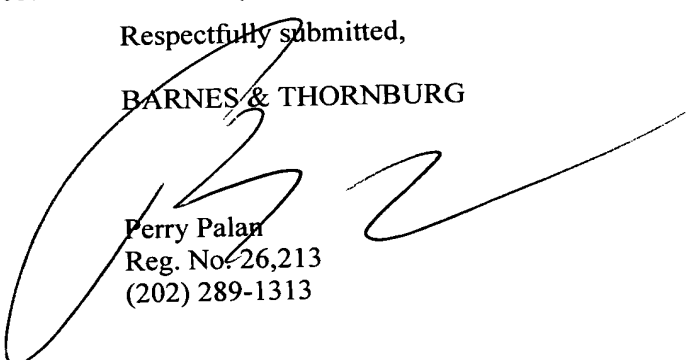
The rejection indicates that the second conductor 25, 26, 251, 261, 35, 36 is generally U-shaped. This is true with the exception that 35 and 36 are not part of the generally U-shaped conductor. The first conductor 27, 271, 28, 281, 32 and 33 is also stated to have L-shaped portions 27, 271 superimposed on a leg of the U-shaped second conductor. This interpretation is traversed. When one views the dashed lines in Figures 1 and 3 for the exploded view, one will notice that the bite 251 of the second conductor overlaps the bite of the U-shaped element 271 of the first conductor. There is no portion of 27, 271 which overlaps a leg 25, 26 of the second conductor. As a second point of distinction, it is even more true in Figure 3, because the bite 271, 281 of the U-shape is connected by via 34 to strips 35 and 36 on the top layer. The strips 35 and 36 are not part of the first conductor nor the U-shaped portion of the first conductor. Thus, in summary, there is no overlap of the L-shape of the first conductor to a leg of the second conductor, and also with respect to Chen, there is no via connecting the L-shape leg to a portion of the U. The claim must be read as a whole and not just isolated portions.

Since the Chen patent does not teach the basic structure, whether it is obvious to modify Chen to include the plural spaced conductive strips extending transverse from the adjacent ends of the legs of the U-shape of Joy need not be reached. Thus, Claim 1 and its dependent claims are also considered allowable over the art of record.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 02-1010 (29083/41796).

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